(b) if so, when it was released to the Press and whether it has been made available for sale in the book stalls;

(c) whether Government have taken note of the burning of Mishra Commission Report in Delhi; and

(d) whether copies of the Report were made available to the public by the official agencies and if so, how?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (d) The requisite number of copies of Justice Ranganath Mishra Commission of Inquiry Report were laid on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament along with *Action Taken Note on 23rd February*, 1987. Subsequently copies of the Report were also supplied to Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Secretariats for circulation among Members. 100 copies of the Report were given to Press Information Bureau. The Report was, however, not made available for sale in book stalls.

According to the Police Commissioner, Delhi, there have been some instances of burning of the Reports.

Communal disturbances in Meerut and Ayodhya

1675. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were any communal disturbances recently in Meerut and Ayodhya (UP);

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any preventive measures were taken at these two places; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) According to the information furnished by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, there were series of communal incidents at Meerut since the evening of 14th April, 1987 till 18th April, 1987, when communal riot broke out during the celebration of Shab-e-Bara due to some misunderstanding between the processionists and the participants of a birthday party. In these incidents there was an unfortunate loss of ten precious lives and twenty three persons sustained injuries.

2. Since the occurrence of the communal violence in Meerut, the Central authorities remained in touch with the State authorities for taking all possible measures to put an end to the communal violence. Peace Committee meetings involving important citizens, public representatives and religious heads were organised and held in the affected areas. Senior State officials and the State Ministers visited the affected areas in Meerut. The Union Home Minister as also the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh visited the affected areas on 19th April, 1987. The situation in Meerut has since been brought completely under control and no untoward incident has occurred in the city since 20th April, 1987.

As regards Ayodhya, according to the Government of Uttar Pradesh there were only two minor cases of communal tension in the city on 14th April, 1987, one relating to an altercation on the use of public tap water and the other on account of minor damage to a tailoring shop on the evening of the same date. However, due to the timely intervention of the district police in both these incidents, the situation was immediately brought under control.

Work permits for Indians living in Nepal

1676. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nepal has ordered all foreign workers including Indians living there to obtain work permits;

(b) whether this has been made effective from April 14, 1987;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir. This is applicable in the three districts of the Kathmandu valley.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Besides work-permits, from April 14, 1987, all workers, including Nepali workers are also required to obtain identity cards.

(d) Government will remain vigilant over any undue discrimination against Indian workers.

Realisation of dues outstanding against State Tourism Development Corporations by the ITDC

1677. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the current assets with value thereof which were raised against the different State Tourism Development Corporations/State Governments consequent upon the transfer of ITDC/DOT properties to them during the last three years; and

(b) whether the value of the assets so raised against the different State Governments/STDC by ITDC have been realised; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) and (b) ITDC has transferred during the last 3 years nine travellers' lodges and one restaurant belonging to it besides three forest lodges belonging to the Department of Tourism. The position regarding details of value realised/to be realised by ITDC for these properties is given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 84]

Trade between India and Latin American countries

1678. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantum of trade between India and the Latin American countries during the last three years;

(b) whether there has been any increase/decrease in trade with these countries; and

(c) what measures Government have taken to increase the trade between India and these countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The quantum of trade between India and Latin American countries during the last 3 years is given below:

(Value: Rs. Crores)

Year	Exports	Imports
1984-85 . .	21·78	460·54
1985-86 (P) . .	21·08	549·52
1986-87 (P) . . (April-September)	13·88	234·71

P : Provisional

(b) The level of two way trade with Latin American countries during 1985-86 increased as compared to that during 1984-85. However, the figures for first six months of 1986-87 indicate a declining trend as compared to corresponding period during 1985-86.

(c) On account of the debt crisis being faced by most of the Latin American countries, the prospects for increasing trade with these countries in the short term are limited. However, official level discussions have been held for opening